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Aims and scope

Hornbill Natural History and Conservation (HNHC) is a journal dedicated to publishing research and up-to-date information related to the world's hornbills, comprising all hornbills of Asia and Africa. HNHC is open to contributions from anyone, including hornbill scientists and researchers, managers and conservationists, artists and writers. Submissions may include research results, field notes, conservation news and notes, aspects of hornbill ecology in wild or captive birds, opinions, commentaries, literature reviews, and book reviews. We are also open to artwork, cartoons, and articles on hornbill lore and culture, and interviews.

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Peer-review, revision and editing

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. The Editor-in-Chief or an assigned handling editor from the Editorial Board will select peer-reviewers from among the editors and/or external peer reviewers. Reviewers can choose to remain anonymous or identify themselves to the authors. Based on the reviews, manuscripts may be declined, accepted for publication, or authors will be asked to revise or resubmit after attending to and responding in detail to peer reviews and comments of reviewers. Articles may be edited to meet stylistic or other requirements of the journal. The editors retain the right to modify the style and the length of a contribution and to decide the time of publication; they will communicate any changes to the contributors prior to publication.

Article types and word limits

Research Article (5,000 words, not including references, tables, figure legends).

Research Articles report observational, experimental, theoretical, or empirical research findings related to hornbills. All research articles will be subject to peer review by at least two reviewers. They should include an Abstract (maximum 250 words) and main text broken into major subheadings (Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements, and References). Relevant tables and figures may be included, and accompanying photographs are encouraged.

Notes from the Field (500 words)

Interesting or unusual hornbill observations, natural history notes, and conservation updates may be submitted under this article category. The Notes may include 1-4 figures or photographs.

Commentary, Interviews, and Book Reviews (800 words)

This category includes opinion articles on topical issues (*Commentary*), conversations with hornbill scientists, conservationists, or managers (*Interviews*), and reviews of relevant books (*Book Reviews*). Authors interested in submitting an interview or book review should discuss this beforehand with the Editor-in-Chief. Interviews and Book Reviews may be directly requested by the editors. Submissions will be subject to review and may be edited to meet journal requirements.

Meetings and Announcements, Opportunities (250 words)

Short announcements or reports of relevant conferences, symposia, and meetings, besides opportunities such as jobs and internships related to hornbills are also welcome.

Submissions

Manuscripts and all editorial correspondence should be in English and submitted to the Editor-in-Chief, **Rohit Naniwadekar (rohit@ncf-india.org)**. Manuscripts submitted to HNHC should include cover letters indicating that they have not been published previously and are not being considered for publication elsewhere. The corresponding author is responsible for ensuring that the submitted manuscript has been seen and approved by all co-contributors, and the cover letter accompanying it should be signed to this effect. It is also the responsibility of the contributor to ensure that manuscripts emanating from a particular institution are submitted with required approvals of the corresponding authority. The full name and address of each contributor should be included. The authors should include profile photographs of each author (with face clearly visible) to be included in the published paper.

Preparation of manuscripts

All manuscripts should be submitted in UK or USA English, in Word document format (.doc, .docx), with the text in Times New Roman 12 pt font, double-spaced, left justified,

lines numbered, and one inch margins all around the page. The title page should include a concise title, up to five keywords not found in the title, full names and addresses of all authors, current addresses if different, email addresses, and indicating the corresponding author to whom queries and proofs should be sent. All pages including Tables should be numbered. Footnotes can be used when necessary. Please avoid the use of unexplained abbreviations and acronyms.

Titles should be concise (not more than 15 words) and informative. Use of common names is acceptable so long as the scientific name is included in title (if appropriate) and on first use. Please use *IUCN Redlist Taxonomy* (see www.iucnredlist.org) or justify deviations.

Research Articles should be organised as follows: Title page, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements, References, Tables (with captions), Legends to Figures and/or Photographs (captions/text only on a separate page), followed by the figures/photographs. High resolution image files of the figures, maps, and photographs must also be submitted as separate files (see [Tables and Figures](#) below).

Authors are requested not to provide precise locations of sightings or nest trees, particularly of endangered species.

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Be sure to include Acknowledgements thanking those who have contributed substantially to the paper, your funding sources, and optionally, the reviewers.

[Tables and Figures](#)

All Tables and Figures with captions should be submitted at the end of the text of the manuscript. Figure legends should be submitted after Tables and before figures. Figures should also be submitted separately as high resolution (up to 8 Mb) JPEG files. Maps should be of publication quality with clear explanation of features shown, scale and orientation, and lat-long.

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Citations in the text should use a comma before the date and should be listed chronologically, then alphabetically. Publications by the same authors in the same year may be distinguished by a, b, etc., after the date. With more than 2 authors use et al.

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In text: Kinnaird and O'Brien (2007, 2008), Mudappa (2010), Kemp *et al.* (2015)

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Books

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Book chapter/section

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Journals

Hadiprakarsa YY and Kinnaird MF. 2004. Foraging characteristics of an assemblage of four Sumatran hornbill species. *Bird Conservation International* 14: 53–62.

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Theses and Reports

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nership, India. <https://www.stateofindiasbirds.in>

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Proceedings of the 5th World Conference on Breeding Endangered Species in Captivity. October 9–12, 1998, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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